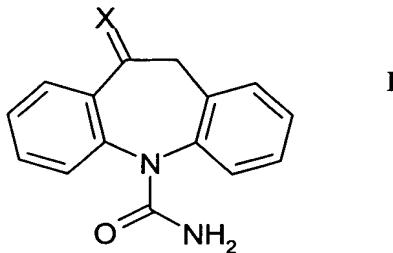


Amendments to the claims:

CLAIMS

1. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I

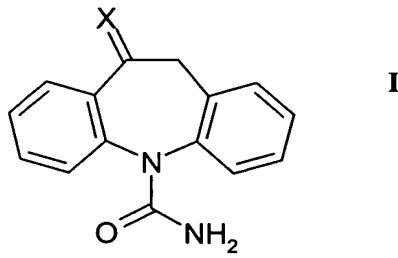


wherein X is =O or –OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is –OH, and a COX-2 inhibitor for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

2. (canceled)

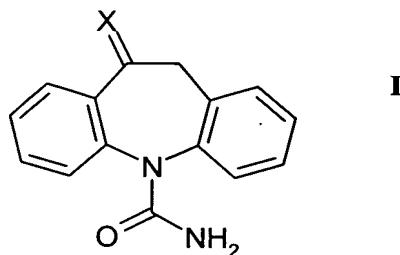
3. (canceled)

4. (original) A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I, as defined above,



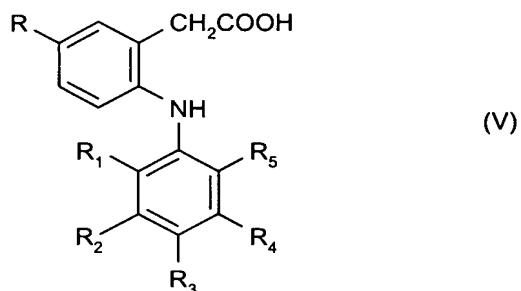
wherein X is =O or –OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is –OH, and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor.

5. (currently amended) A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined in claim 1, together with instructions for use



wherein X is =O or –OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is –OH, for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I is used in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said COX-2 inhibitor is used together with instructions for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined above in claim 1, for treatment of pain.

6. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rofecoxib, etoricoxib, celecoxib, valdecoxib, parecoxib, ~~or and a~~ 5-alkyl-2-arylamino phenylacetic acid derivative COX-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof.
7. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the COX-2 inhibitor is a compound of formula V



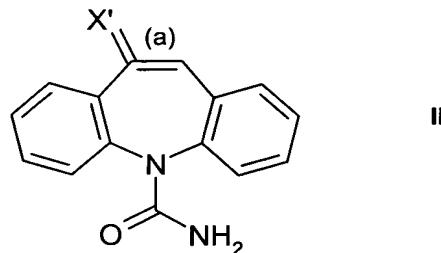
wherein R is methyl or ethyl;

R₁ is chloro or fluoro;

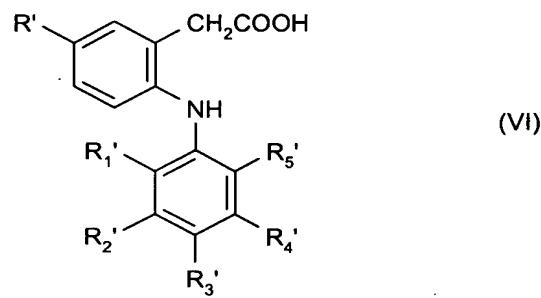
R_2 is hydrogen or fluoro;
 R_3 is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;
 R_4 is hydrogen or fluoro; and
 R_5 is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

8. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 7 in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

9. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II



wherein X' is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and X' being a double bond when X' is =O and a single bond when X' is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when X' is =O or -OH and a double bond when X' is H, and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI



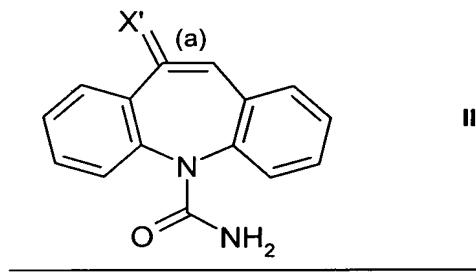
wherein R' is methyl or ethyl;
 R_1' is chloro or fluoro;
 R_2' is hydrogen or fluoro;
 R_3' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R_4' is hydrogen or fluoro; and
 R_5' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl;
for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

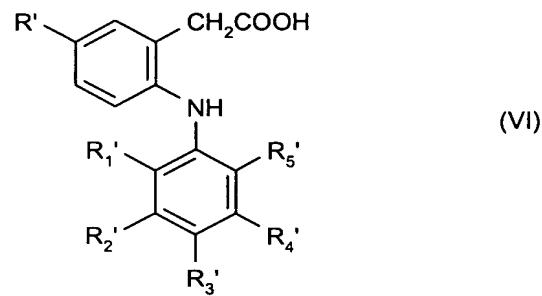
10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined above,



wherein X' is $=O$, $-OH$ or H , the bond between the azepine ring and X' being a double bond when X' is $=O$ and a single bond when X' is $-OH$ or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when X' is $=O$ or $-OH$ and a double bond when X' is H , and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9



wherein R' is methyl or ethyl;

R_1' is chloro or fluoro;

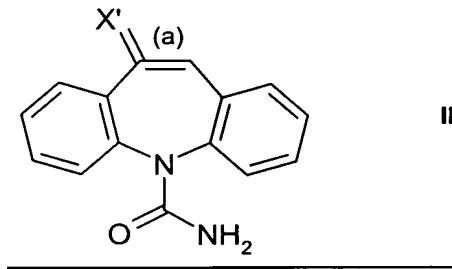
R_2' is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

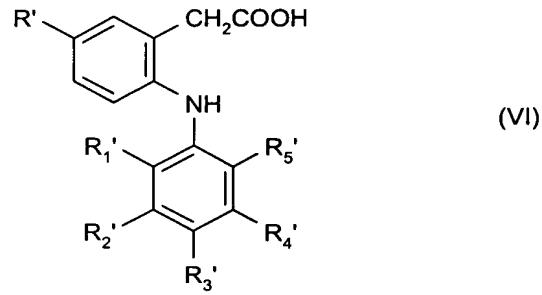
R₄' is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R₅' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl.

13. (currently amended) A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined in claim 9, together with instructions for use



wherein X' is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and X' being a double bond when X' is =O and a single bond when X' is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when X' is =O or -OH and a double bond when X' is H, for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II is used in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9



wherein R' is methyl or ethyl;

R₁' is chloro or fluoro;

R₂' is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R₄' is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R₅' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined above for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said COX-2 inhibitor is used in claim 9

~~together with instructions for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined above in claim 9, for treatment of pain.~~

14. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-13~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
15. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-14~~ in which the carbamazepine derivative is oxcarbazepine.
16. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-14~~ in which the carbamazepine derivative is 10-hydroxy-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenz(b,f)azepine-5-carboxamide.